



**Sgt. Charles Edward Wyckoff Jr.**

Sgt. Wyckoff Jr. was born in Chula Vista, CA and graduated from Chula Vista High School. He was killed in Afghanistan on June 6, 2007 while serving with the 1st. Battalion, 508<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment (PRI), 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. His unit was based at Fort Bragg North Carolina.



While attending Chula Vista High School he participated in track and was a highly successful runner. Prior to high school, Charles attended Harborside Elementary, Chula Vista Junior High, graduating from Chula Vista High in 1996. He attended San Francisco State University then transferred to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Arizona. He graduated from college with a bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Science. Following college, Sgt. Wyckoff joined the U.S. Army.

In January of 2007, Sgt. Wyckoff was transferred to Afghanistan. While on patrol in the Helmand province he was killed by small arms fire. He was laid to rest in the Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. He served his country with honor and distinction and was buried with full military honors.

Sgt. Wyckoff's wife Erika and his two stepchildren (Joshua and Alexandra) were living in Ft. Bragg North Carolina at the time of his death. Erika said that he was a "Soldier's Soldier" who saved the lives of his men and in a way saved mine. He didn't think twice about doing his job. He is survived by his mother Sylvia Wyckoff, father Edward C. Wyckoff, and his sister Alina Perez who lives in San Ysidro, California.

Sgt. Wyckoff's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, Army good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the NATO Medal the Army Service Ribbon, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Parachutist's Badge and the Expert Weapons Qualification Badge with type weapon bar.

